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Remarks

The present Amendment is in response to the Final Rejection of August 26, 2003. The amendment was discussed in a telephonic interview with the Examiner on October 14, 2003, showing that the amendment of claim 43 clearly distinguished over the Ito reference, U.S. 5,652,067.

Support for the amendment of claim 43 in defining the adhesive as a patterned adhesive can be found in the specification on page 9, where patterned is defined. Furthermore, clear illustration is provided in Fig. 3 and a description of Fig. 3 on page 12 of the present specification.

Claims 38-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Ito. In that rejection, the Examiner intimated that the claims at that time did not provide the features which Applicants argued distinguished over Ito. It is respectfully submitted that such features are now provided as was explained in the telephonic interview of October 14, 2003.

Comparing Fig. 1 of Ito and Fig. 3 of the present application, one can see that the adhesive in the present application is referred to as a sealing layer 6 in Fig. 1 of Ito. Although the adhesive in Ito may surround the multi-layer structure, it also covers the multi-layer structure. This is clear from a description of the sealing layer 6 at column 6, lines 28-35. It is also noted that claim 1 states that the sealing layer is formed on the multi-layered structure in Ito. In contrast, the adhesive in the present invention surrounds but does not cover the multi-layer structure. A clear illustration is at Fig. 3. In addition, with the present amendment, the clearer definition of adhesive indicates that it is a patterned adhesive on the substrate. In the present invention, the sealing layer is placed on top of the adhesive and the multi-layer structure which lies on the substrate.


In view thereof, Ito does not anticipate the present invention as claimed and the rejection should be withdrawn.

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The present claims as amended are submitted to be in condition for allowance; prompt passage to issue is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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